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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAME MATTERS ON ITS IN-SESSIONAL MEETING HELD DURING THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, 4-29 May 1992

Rapporteur: Mr. Luis ESPADA-PLATET (United States)

DRAFT DECISION

Evaluation

The Governing Council,

Bearing in mind its decision 83/12 of 24 June 1983, and 91/25 of 25 June 1991,

Taking note of the Administrator's report contained in document DP/1992/20 and the views expressed thereon in the Governing Council,

1. Welcomes the change in approach in the evaluation activities of the United Nations Development Programme towards more impact- and result-oriented assessments as well as towards increased strategy- and policy-oriented evaluation of United Nations Development Programme activities during the fifth programming cycle;

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2. Urges the Administrator to strengthen the capacity of the Central Evaluation Office: (a) to undertake policy, strategy and programme evaluations in line with the findings and recommendations of the strategic planning exercise and workload study referred to in documents DP/1992/20 and DP/1992/45 and (b) to backstop the evaluation capacity of the Regional Bureaux, keeping in mind the necessity to involve the recipient Governments themselves in evaluation activities through capacity-building and training in order to enhance needs-driven assessments of development cooperation activities;

3. Requests the Administrator to expand and accelerate measures that ensure genuine feedback and use of results attained through evaluations and assessments to the programming activities of the United Nations Development Programme as well as to the Governments concerned.